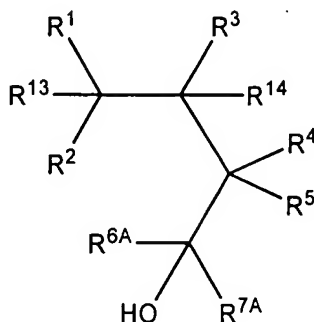


**WE CLAIM:**

1. A fluorinated polyol having the structure of formula (IV)

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wherein:

R<sup>1</sup> is selected from hydrogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>24</sub> alkyl, substituted C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>24</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>24</sub> alkoxy, and substituted C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>24</sub> alkoxy;

R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup>, R<sup>4</sup>, and R<sup>5</sup> are independently selected from hydrogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>24</sub> alkyl, and substituted C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>24</sub> alkyl, and further wherein any two of R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup>, R<sup>4</sup>, and R<sup>5</sup> may be taken together to form a ring;

R<sup>6A</sup> is selected from hydrogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>24</sub> alkyl, substituted C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>24</sub> alkyl, and -(CO)-R in which R is hydrogen, hydroxyl, halo, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>24</sub> alkyl, substituted C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>24</sub> alkyl, amino, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>24</sub> alkylamino, or di(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>24</sub> alkyl)amino;

R<sup>7A</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>24</sub> alkyl or substituted C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>24</sub> alkyl, and further wherein R<sup>6A</sup> and R<sup>7A</sup> may be taken together to form a ring, with the proviso that at least one of R<sup>6A</sup> and R<sup>7A</sup> is fluorinated; and

one of R<sup>13</sup> and R<sup>14</sup> is hydroxyl and the other is selected from hydrogen and hydroxyl.

2. The fluorinated polyol of claim 1, wherein:

$R^1$  is selected from hydrogen,  $C_1$ - $C_{12}$  alkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_{12}$  hydroxyalkyl, fluorinated  $C_1$ - $C_{12}$  alkyl, fluorinated  $C_1$ - $C_{12}$  hydroxyalkyl, fluorinated  $C_1$ - $C_{12}$  alkyl substituted with a protected hydroxyl group, and  $C_1$ - $C_{12}$  alkoxy;

$R^2$  is selected from hydrogen,  $C_1$ - $C_{12}$  alkyl and substituted  $C_1$ - $C_{12}$  alkyl;

$R^3$ ,  $R^4$ , and  $R^5$  are independently selected from hydrogen,  $C_1$ - $C_{12}$  alkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_{12}$  hydroxyalkyl, fluorinated  $C_1$ - $C_{12}$  alkyl, fluorinated  $C_1$ - $C_{12}$  hydroxyalkyl, and fluorinated  $C_1$ - $C_{12}$  alkyl substituted with a protected hydroxyl group, and further wherein any two of  $R^1$ ,  $R^3$ ,  $R^4$ , and  $R^5$  may be taken together to form a  $C_3$ - $C_{30}$  alicyclic group;

$R^{6A}$  is selected from hydrogen,  $C_1$ - $C_{12}$  alkyl, and  $C_1$ - $C_{12}$  haloalkyl;

$R^{7A}$  is  $C_1$ - $C_{12}$  alkyl or  $C_1$ - $C_{12}$  haloalkyl; and

one of  $R^{13}$  and  $R^{14}$  is hydroxyl and the other is hydrogen.

3. The fluorinated polyol of claim 2, wherein:

$R^1$  is selected from hydrogen,  $C_1$ - $C_8$  alkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_8$  alkoxy, and fluorinated hydroxyalkyl having the structure  $-(L^1)_{n1}-CR^8R^9-OH$  in which  $n1$  is zero or 1,  $L^1$  is  $C_1$ - $C_6$  aliphatic,  $R^8$  is selected from hydrogen,  $C_1$ - $C_8$  alkyl, and fluorinated  $C_1$ - $C_8$  alkyl, and  $R^9$  is fluorinated  $C_1$ - $C_8$  alkyl;

$R^2$  is hydrogen or  $C_1$ - $C_8$  alkyl;

$R^3$ ,  $R^4$ , and  $R^5$  are independently selected from hydrogen,  $C_1$ - $C_8$  alkyl, and fluorinated hydroxyalkyl having the structure  $-(L^2)_{n2}-CR^{8A}R^{9A}-OH$  in which  $n2$  is zero or 1,  $L^2$  is  $C_1$ - $C_6$  aliphatic,  $R^{8A}$  is selected from hydrogen,  $C_1$ - $C_8$  alkyl, and fluorinated  $C_1$ - $C_8$  alkyl, and  $R^{9A}$  is

fluorinated C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> alkyl, and further wherein any two of R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>3</sup>, R<sup>4</sup>, and R<sup>5</sup> may be taken together to form a C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>18</sub> alicyclic group;

R<sup>6A</sup> is selected from hydrogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> alkyl, and fluorinated C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> alkyl; and

R<sup>7A</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> alkyl or fluorinated C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> alkyl.

4. The fluorinated polyol of claim 3, wherein:

R<sup>1</sup> is selected from hydrogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkoxy, and -(L<sup>1</sup>)<sub>n1</sub>-CR<sup>8</sup>R<sup>9</sup>-OH in which n1 is zero or 1, L<sup>1</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> aliphatic, R<sup>8</sup> is selected from hydrogen, methyl, trifluoromethyl, difluoromethyl, and fluoromethyl, and R<sup>9</sup> is selected from methyl, trifluoromethyl, difluoromethyl, and fluoromethyl;

R<sup>2</sup> is hydrogen or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl;

R<sup>3</sup>, R<sup>4</sup>, and R<sup>5</sup> are independently selected from hydrogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl, and -(L<sup>2</sup>)<sub>n2</sub>-CR<sup>8A</sup>R<sup>9A</sup>-OH in which n2 is zero or 1, L<sup>2</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> aliphatic, R<sup>8A</sup> is selected from hydrogen, methyl, trifluoromethyl, difluoromethyl, and fluoromethyl, and R<sup>9A</sup> is selected from methyl, trifluoromethyl, difluoromethyl, and fluoromethyl, and further wherein any two of R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>3</sup>, R<sup>4</sup>, and R<sup>5</sup> may be taken together to form a C<sub>5</sub>-C<sub>14</sub> alicyclic group;

R<sup>6A</sup> is selected from hydrogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl, semi-fluorinated C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl, and perfluorinated C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl; and

R<sup>7A</sup> is selected from C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl, semi-fluorinated C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl, and perfluorinated C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl.

5. The fluorinated polyol of claim 4, wherein R<sup>6A</sup> and R<sup>7A</sup> are both trifluoromethyl.

6. The fluorinated polyol of claim 4, wherein one of R<sup>6A</sup> and R<sup>7A</sup> is methyl and the other is trifluoromethyl.

7. The fluorinated polyol of claim 4, wherein:

R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> are taken together to form a C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>30</sub> alicyclic group;

R<sup>13</sup> is hydrogen; and

R<sup>14</sup> is hydroxyl.

8. The fluorinated polyol of claim 7, wherein:

R<sup>1</sup> is hydrogen; and

R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> are taken together to form a C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>18</sub> alicyclic group.

9. The fluorinated polyol of claim 8, wherein:

R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> are taken together to form a C<sub>5</sub>-C<sub>14</sub> alicyclic group.

10. The fluorinated polyol of claim 11, wherein R<sup>4</sup> and R<sup>5</sup> are hydrogen.

11. The fluorinated polyol of claim 4, wherein:

R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> are taken together to form a C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>30</sub> alicyclic group;

R<sup>13</sup> is hydroxyl; and

R<sup>14</sup> is hydrogen.

12. The fluorinated polyol of claim 11, wherein:

$R^1$  is hydrogen; and

$R^2$  and  $R^3$  are taken together to form a  $C_3$ - $C_{18}$  alicyclic group.

13. The fluorinated polyol of claim 12, wherein:

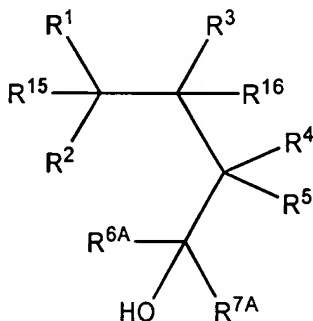
$R^2$  and  $R^3$  are taken together to form a  $C_5$ - $C_{14}$  alicyclic group.

14. The fluorinated polyol of claim 13, wherein  $R^4$  and  $R^5$  are hydrogen.

15. A fluoroalkanol-substituted  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated ester having the structure of formula

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wherein:

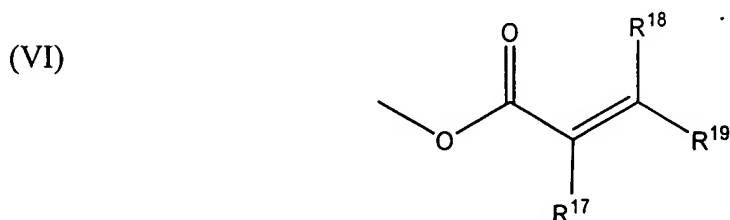
$R^1$  is selected from hydrogen,  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkyl, substituted  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkoxy, and substituted  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkoxy;

$R^2$ ,  $R^3$ ,  $R^4$ , and  $R^5$  are independently selected from hydrogen,  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkyl, and substituted  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkyl, and further wherein any two of  $R^1$ ,  $R^2$ ,  $R^3$ ,  $R^4$ , and  $R^5$  may be taken together to form a ring;

$R^{6A}$  is selected from hydrogen,  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkyl, substituted  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkyl, and  $-(CO)-R$  in which  $R$  is hydrogen, hydroxyl, halo,  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkyl, substituted  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkyl, amino,  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkylamino, or  $di(C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkyl)amino;

$R^{7A}$  is  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkyl or substituted  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkyl, and further wherein  $R^{6A}$  and  $R^{7A}$  may be taken together to form a ring, with the proviso that at least one of  $R^{6A}$  and  $R^{7A}$  is fluorinated; and

one of  $R^{15}$  and  $R^{16}$  is hydrogen, and the other has the structure of formula (VI)



in which  $R^{17}$  is selected from hydrogen, fluoro,  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkyl, fluorinated  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkyl,  $-CH_2-COOH$ ,  $-CF_2-COOH$ ,  $-CH_2-COOR^{20}$ , and  $-CF_2-COOR^{20}$ ,  $R^{18}$  is hydrogen or fluoro,  $R^{19}$  is hydrogen, fluoro, or  $-COOH$ , and  $R^{20}$  is a nonhydrogen substituent.

16. The fluoroalkanol-substituted  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated ester of claim 15, wherein:

$R^1$  is selected from hydrogen,  $C_1$ - $C_{12}$  alkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_{12}$  hydroxyalkyl, fluorinated  $C_1$ - $C_{12}$  alkyl, fluorinated  $C_1$ - $C_{12}$  hydroxyalkyl, fluorinated  $C_1$ - $C_{12}$  alkyl substituted with a protected hydroxyl group, and  $C_1$ - $C_{12}$  alkoxy;

$R^2$  is selected from hydrogen,  $C_1$ - $C_{12}$  alkyl and substituted  $C_1$ - $C_{12}$  alkyl;

$R^3$ ,  $R^4$ , and  $R^5$  are independently selected from hydrogen,  $C_1$ - $C_{12}$  alkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_{12}$  hydroxyalkyl, fluorinated  $C_1$ - $C_{12}$  alkyl, fluorinated  $C_1$ - $C_{12}$  hydroxyalkyl, and fluorinated  $C_1$ - $C_{12}$  alkyl substituted with a protected hydroxyl group, and further wherein any two of  $R^1$ ,  $R^3$ ,  $R^4$ , and  $R^5$  may be taken together to form a  $C_3$ - $C_{30}$  alicyclic group;

$R^{6A}$  is selected from hydrogen,  $C_1$ - $C_{12}$  alkyl, and  $C_1$ - $C_{12}$  haloalkyl;

$R^{7A}$  is  $C_1$ - $C_{12}$  alkyl or  $C_1$ - $C_{12}$  haloalkyl;

$R^{17}$  is selected from hydrogen, fluoro, methyl, trifluoromethyl,  $-\text{CH}_2\text{-COOH}$ , and  $-\text{CH}_2\text{-COOR}^{20}$ ;

$R^{18}$  and  $R^{19}$  are independently selected from hydrogen and fluoro; and

$R^{20}$  is selected from  $C_1$ - $C_{12}$  alkyl and substituted  $C_1$ - $C_{12}$  alkyl.

17. The fluoroalkanol-substituted  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated ester of claim 16, wherein:

$R^1$  is selected from hydrogen,  $C_1$ - $C_8$  alkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_8$  alkoxy, and fluorinated hydroxyalkyl having the structure  $-(L^1)_{n1}\text{-CR}^8\text{R}^9\text{-OH}$  in which  $n1$  is zero or 1,  $L^1$  is  $C_1$ - $C_6$  aliphatic,  $R^8$  is selected from hydrogen,  $C_1$ - $C_8$  alkyl, and fluorinated  $C_1$ - $C_8$  alkyl, and  $R^9$  is fluorinated  $C_1$ - $C_8$  alkyl;

$R^2$  is hydrogen or  $C_1$ - $C_8$  alkyl;

$R^3$ ,  $R^4$ , and  $R^5$  are independently selected from hydrogen,  $C_1$ - $C_8$  alkyl, and fluorinated hydroxyalkyl having the structure  $-(L^2)_{n2}\text{-CR}^{8A}\text{R}^{9A}\text{-OH}$  in which  $n2$  is zero or 1,  $L^2$  is  $C_1$ - $C_6$  aliphatic,  $R^{8A}$  is selected from hydrogen,  $C_1$ - $C_8$  alkyl, and fluorinated  $C_1$ - $C_8$  alkyl, and  $R^{9A}$  is fluorinated  $C_1$ - $C_8$  alkyl, and further wherein any two of  $R^1$ ,  $R^3$ ,  $R^4$ , and  $R^5$  may be taken together to form a  $C_3$ - $C_{18}$  alicyclic group;

$R^{6A}$  is selected from hydrogen,  $C_1$ - $C_8$  alkyl, and fluorinated  $C_1$ - $C_8$  alkyl;

$R^{7A}$  is  $C_1$ - $C_8$  alkyl or fluorinated  $C_1$ - $C_8$  alkyl;

$R^{17}$  is selected from hydrogen and methyl; and

$R^{18}$  and  $R^{19}$  are hydrogen.

18. The fluoroalkanol-substituted  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated ester of claim 17, wherein:

$R^1$  is selected from hydrogen,  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkoxy, and  $-(L^1)_{n1}-CR^8R^9-OH$  in which  $n1$  is zero or 1,  $L^1$  is  $C_1$ - $C_4$  aliphatic,  $R^8$  is selected from hydrogen, methyl, trifluoromethyl, difluoromethyl, and fluoromethyl, and  $R^9$  is selected from methyl, trifluoromethyl, difluoromethyl, and fluoromethyl;

$R^2$  is hydrogen or  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkyl;

$R^3$ ,  $R^4$ , and  $R^5$  are independently selected from hydrogen,  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkyl, and  $-(L^2)_{n2}-CR^{8A}R^{9A}-OH$  in which  $n2$  is zero or 1,  $L^2$  is  $C_1$ - $C_4$  aliphatic,  $R^{8A}$  is selected from hydrogen, methyl, trifluoromethyl, difluoromethyl, and fluoromethyl, and  $R^{9A}$  is selected from methyl, trifluoromethyl, difluoromethyl, and fluoromethyl, and further wherein any two of  $R^1$ ,  $R^3$ ,  $R^4$ , and  $R^5$  may be taken together to form a  $C_5$ - $C_{14}$  alicyclic group;

$R^{6A}$  is selected from hydrogen,  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkyl, semi-fluorinated  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkyl, and perfluorinated  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkyl; and

$R^{7A}$  is selected from  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkyl, semi-fluorinated  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkyl, and perfluorinated  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkyl.



19. The fluoroalkanol-substituted  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated ester of claim 17 wherein  $R^2$  and  $R^3$  are taken together to form a  $C_3$ - $C_{18}$  alicyclic group.

20. The fluoroalkanol-substituted  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated ester of claim 18, wherein  $R^2$  and  $R^3$  are taken together to form a  $C_5$ - $C_{14}$  alicyclic group.

21. The fluoroalkanol-substituted  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated ester of claim 18, wherein  $R^4$  and  $R^5$  are hydrogen.

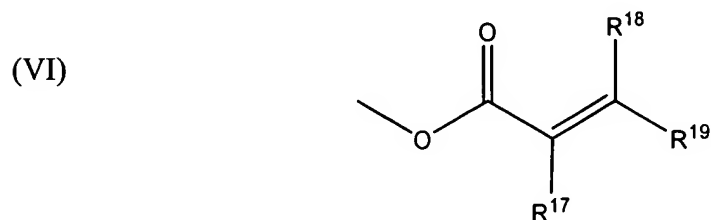
22. The fluoroalkanol-substituted  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated ester of claim 19, wherein  $R^4$  and  $R^5$  are hydrogen.

23. The fluoroalkanol-substituted  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated ester of claim 20, wherein  $R^4$  and  $R^5$  are hydrogen.

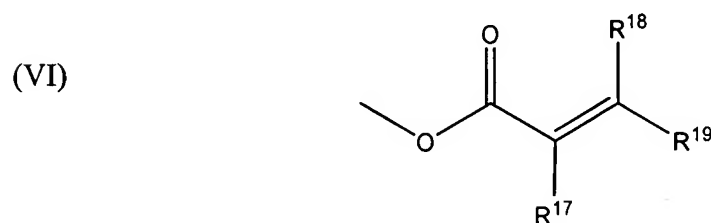
24. The fluoroalkanol-substituted  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated ester of claim 18, wherein  $R^{6A}$  and  $R^{7A}$  are both trifluoromethyl.

25. The fluoroalkanol-substituted  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated ester of claim 18, wherein one of  $R^{6A}$  and  $R^{7A}$  is methyl and the other is trifluoromethyl.

26. The fluoroalkanol-substituted  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated ester of claim 15, wherein  $R^{15}$  is hydrogen and  $R^{16}$  has the structure of formula (VI)

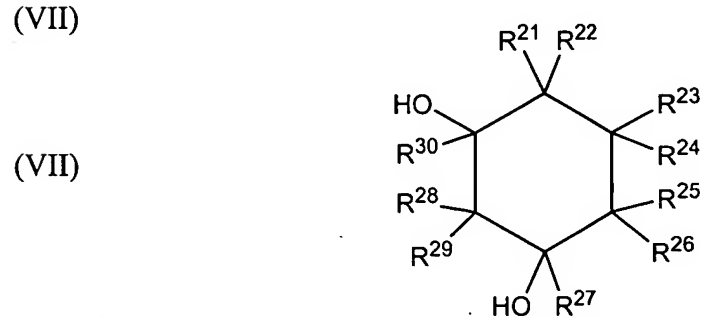


27. The fluoroalkanol-substituted  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated ester of claim 15, wherein  $R^{15}$  has the structure of formula (VI)



and  $R^{16}$  is hydrogen.

28. A fluoroalkanol-substituted  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated ester having the structure of formula (VII)

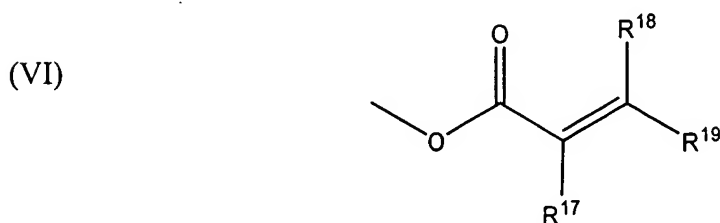


wherein:

$R^{21}$  is selected from hydrogen,  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkyl, substituted  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkoxy, and substituted  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkoxy;

$R^{22}$  is selected from hydrogen,  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkyl, and substituted  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkyl, or may be taken together with  $R^{21}$  to form a ring;

one of  $R^{23}$  and  $R^{26}$  is hydrogen, and the other has the structure of formula (VI)



wherein  $R^{17}$  is selected from hydrogen, fluoro,  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkyl, fluorinated  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkyl,  $-CH_2-COOH$ ,  $-CF_2-COOH$ ,  $-CH_2-COOR^{20}$ , and  $-CF_2-COOR^{20}$ ,  $R^{18}$  is hydrogen or fluoro,  $R^{19}$  is hydrogen, fluoro, or  $-COOH$ , and  $R^{20}$  is a nonhydrogen substituent;

$R^{24}$  and  $R^{25}$  are selected from hydrogen,  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkyl and substituted  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkyl, or may be taken together to form a ring;

$R^{27}$  is selected from hydrogen,  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkyl, substituted  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkyl, and  $-(CO)-R$  in which  $R$  is hydrogen, hydroxyl, halo,  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkyl, substituted  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkyl, amino,  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkylamino, or  $di(C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkyl)amino, and  $R^{30}$  is  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkyl or substituted  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkyl, with the proviso that at least one of  $R^{27}$  and  $R^{30}$  is fluorinated; and

$R^{28}$  and  $R^{29}$  are independently selected from hydrogen, fluoro,  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkyl, and substituted  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkyl, or may be taken together to form a ring.

29. The fluoroalkanol-substituted  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated ester of claim 28, wherein:

$R^{17}$  is selected from hydrogen, fluoro, methyl, trifluoromethyl,  $-\text{CH}_2\text{-COOH}$ , and  $-\text{CH}_2\text{-COOR}^{20}$ ;

$R^{18}$  and  $R^{19}$  are independently selected from hydrogen and fluoro;

$R^{20}$  is selected from  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{12}$  alkyl and substituted  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{12}$  alkyl;

$R^{21}$  is selected from hydrogen,  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{12}$  alkyl,  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{12}$  hydroxyalkyl, fluorinated  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{12}$  alkyl, fluorinated  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{12}$  hydroxyalkyl, fluorinated  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{12}$  alkyl substituted with a protected hydroxyl group, and  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{12}$  alkoxy;

$R^{22}$  is selected from hydrogen,  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{12}$  alkyl and substituted  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{12}$  alkyl;

$R^{24}$  and  $R^{25}$  are selected from hydrogen,  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{12}$  alkyl,  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{12}$  hydroxyalkyl, fluorinated  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{12}$  alkyl, fluorinated  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{12}$  hydroxyalkyl, fluorinated  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{12}$  alkyl substituted with a protected hydroxyl group, and  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{12}$  alkoxy, or may be taken together to form a  $\text{C}_3\text{-C}_{30}$  alicyclic group;

$R^{27}$  is selected from hydrogen,  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{12}$  alkyl, and  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{12}$  haloalkyl;

$R^{28}$  and  $R^{29}$  are independently selected from hydrogen, fluoro,  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{12}$  alkyl, and substituted  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{12}$  alkyl; and

$R^{30}$  is  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{12}$  alkyl or  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{12}$  haloalkyl.

30. The fluoroalkanol-substituted  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated ester of claim 29, wherein:

$R^{17}$  is selected from hydrogen and methyl;

$R^{18}$  and  $R^{19}$  are hydrogen;

$R^{21}$  is selected from hydrogen,  $C_1$ - $C_8$  alkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_8$  alkoxy, and fluorinated hydroxyalkyl having the structure  $-(L^1)_{n1}-CR^8R^9-OH$  in which  $n1$  is zero or 1,  $L^1$  is  $C_1$ - $C_6$  aliphatic,  $R^8$  is selected from hydrogen,  $C_1$ - $C_8$  alkyl, and fluorinated  $C_1$ - $C_8$  alkyl, and  $R^9$  is fluorinated  $C_1$ - $C_8$  alkyl;

$R^{22}$  is hydrogen or  $C_1$ - $C_8$  alkyl;

$R^{24}$  and  $R^{25}$  are independently selected from hydrogen,  $C_1$ - $C_8$  alkyl, and fluorinated hydroxyalkyl having the structure  $-(L^2)_{n2}-CR^{8A}R^{9A}-OH$  in which  $n2$  is zero or 1,  $L^2$  is  $C_1$ - $C_6$  aliphatic,  $R^{8A}$  is selected from hydrogen,  $C_1$ - $C_8$  alkyl, and fluorinated  $C_1$ - $C_8$  alkyl, and  $R^{9A}$  is fluorinated  $C_1$ - $C_8$  alkyl;

$R^{27}$  is selected from hydrogen,  $C_1$ - $C_8$  alkyl, and fluorinated  $C_1$ - $C_8$  alkyl; and

$R^{30}$  is  $C_1$ - $C_8$  alkyl or fluorinated  $C_1$ - $C_8$  alkyl.

31. The fluoroalkanol-substituted  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated ester of claim 30, wherein:

$R^{21}$  is selected from hydrogen,  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkoxy, and  $-(L^1)_{n1}-CR^8R^9-OH$  in which  $n1$  is zero or 1,  $L^1$  is  $C_1$ - $C_4$  aliphatic,  $R^8$  is selected from hydrogen, methyl, trifluoromethyl, difluoromethyl, and fluoromethyl, and  $R^9$  is selected from methyl, trifluoromethyl, difluoromethyl, and fluoromethyl;

$R^{22}$  is hydrogen or  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkyl;

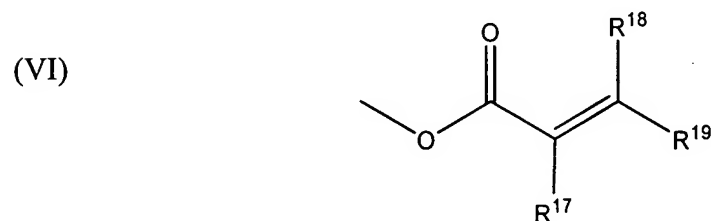
$R^{27}$  is selected from hydrogen,  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkyl, semi-fluorinated  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkyl, and perfluorinated  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkyl; and

$R^{30}$  is selected from  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkyl, semi-fluorinated  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkyl, and perfluorinated  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkyl.

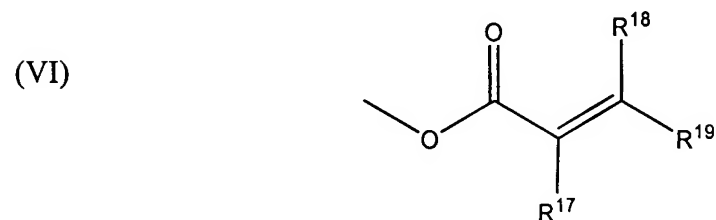
32. The fluoroalkanol-substituted  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated ester of claim 31, wherein  $R^{23}$  and  $R^{26}$  are both trifluoromethyl.

33. The fluoroalkanol -substituted  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated ester of claim 31, wherein one of  $R^{23}$  and  $R^{26}$  is methyl and the other is trifluoromethyl.

34. The fluoroalkanol-substituted  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated ester of claim 28, wherein  $R^{27}$  is hydrogen and  $R^{30}$  has the structure of formula (VI)

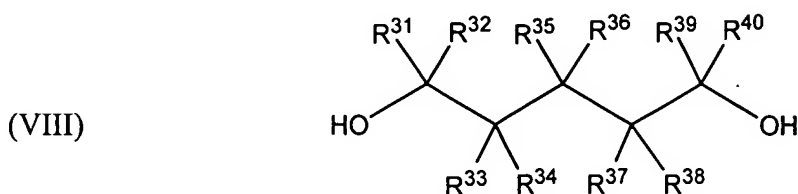


35. The fluoroalkanol-substituted  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated ester of claim 28, wherein  $R^{27}$  has the structure of formula (VI)



and  $R^{30}$  is hydrogen.

36. A fluoroalkanol-substituted  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated ester having the structure of formula (VIII)



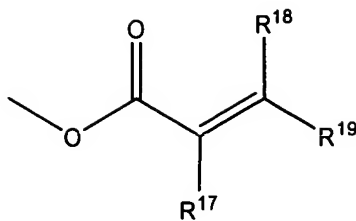
wherein:

$R^{31}$  and  $R^{32}$  are independently selected from hydrogen,  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkyl, substituted  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkyl, and  $-(CO)-R$  in which  $R$  is hydrogen, hydroxyl, halo,  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkyl, substituted  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkyl, amino,  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkylamino, or di( $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkyl)amino, with the proviso that at least one of  $R^{31}$  and  $R^{32}$  is fluorinated, and further wherein  $R^{31}$  and  $R^{32}$  may be taken together to form a fluorinated alicyclic group;

$R^{39}$  and  $R^{40}$  are independently selected from hydrogen,  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkyl, substituted  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkyl, and  $-(CO)-R$  in which  $R$  is hydrogen, hydroxyl, halo,  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkyl, substituted  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkyl, amino,  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkylamino, or di( $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkyl)amino, with the proviso that at least one of  $R^{39}$  and  $R^{40}$  is fluorinated and further wherein  $R^{39}$  and  $R^{40}$  may be taken together to form an alicyclic group;

$R^{33}$ ,  $R^{34}$ ,  $R^{35}$ ,  $R^{36}$ ,  $R^{37}$ , and  $R^{38}$  are selected from hydrogen,  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkyl, and substituted  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkyl, and further wherein any two of  $R^{33}$ ,  $R^{34}$ ,  $R^{35}$ ,  $R^{36}$ ,  $R^{37}$ , and  $R^{38}$  may be taken together to form a ring, with the proviso that one of  $R^{36}$  and  $R^{37}$  is hydrogen, and the other has the structure of formula (VI)

(VI)



wherein  $R^{17}$  is selected from hydrogen, fluoro,  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkyl, fluorinated  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkyl,  $-CH_2-COOH$ ,  $-CF_2-COOH$ ,  $-CH_2-COOR^{20}$ , and  $-CF_2-COOR^{20}$ ,  $R^{18}$  is hydrogen or fluoro,  $R^{19}$  is hydrogen, fluoro, or  $-COOH$ , and  $R^{20}$  is a nonhydrogen substituent;

$R^{38}$  is selected from hydrogen,  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkyl and substituted  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkyl, or may be taken together with  $R^{35}$  to form an alicyclic group; and

$R^{39}$  is selected from hydrogen,  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkyl, substituted  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkyl, and  $-(CO)-R$  in which  $R$  is hydrogen, hydroxyl, halo,  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkyl, substituted  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkyl, amino,  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkylamino, or  $di(C_1-C_{24} \text{ alkyl})amino$ , and  $R^{40}$  is  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkyl or substituted  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkyl, with the proviso that at least one of  $R^{39}$  and  $R^{40}$  is fluorinated.

37. The fluoroalkanol-substituted  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated ester of claim 36, wherein:

$R^{17}$  is selected from hydrogen, fluoro, methyl, trifluoromethyl,  $-CH_2-COOH$ , and  $-CH_2-COOR^{20}$ ;

$R^{18}$  and  $R^{19}$  are independently selected from hydrogen and fluoro;

$R^{20}$  is selected from  $C_1$ - $C_{12}$  alkyl and substituted  $C_1$ - $C_{12}$  alkyl;

$R^{31}$  and  $R^{32}$  are independently selected from hydrogen, fluoro,  $C_1$ - $C_{12}$  alkyl, and substituted  $C_1$ - $C_{12}$  alkyl;



$R^{33}$  is selected from hydrogen,  $C_1$ - $C_{12}$  alkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_{12}$  hydroxyalkyl, fluorinated  $C_1$ - $C_{12}$  alkyl, fluorinated  $C_1$ - $C_{12}$  hydroxyalkyl, fluorinated  $C_1$ - $C_{12}$  alkyl substituted with a protected hydroxyl group, and  $C_1$ - $C_{12}$  alkoxy;

$R^{34}$ ,  $R^{35}$ , and  $R^{38}$  are independently selected from hydrogen,  $C_1$ - $C_{12}$  alkyl, and substituted  $C_1$ - $C_{12}$  alkyl;

$R^{39}$  is selected from hydrogen,  $C_1$ - $C_{12}$  alkyl, and  $C_1$ - $C_{12}$  haloalkyl; and

$R^{40}$  is  $C_1$ - $C_{12}$  alkyl or  $C_1$ - $C_{12}$  haloalkyl.

38. The fluoroalkanol-substituted  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated ester of claim 37, wherein:

$R^{17}$  is selected from hydrogen and methyl;

$R^{18}$  and  $R^{19}$  are hydrogen;

$R^{33}$  is selected from hydrogen,  $C_1$ - $C_8$  alkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_8$  alkoxy, and fluorinated hydroxyalkyl having the structure  $-(L^1)_{n1}-CR^8R^9-OH$  in which  $n1$  is zero or 1,  $L^1$  is  $C_1$ - $C_6$  aliphatic,  $R^8$  is selected from hydrogen,  $C_1$ - $C_8$  alkyl, and fluorinated  $C_1$ - $C_8$  alkyl, and  $R^9$  is fluorinated  $C_1$ - $C_8$  alkyl;

$R^{34}$ ,  $R^{35}$ , and  $R^{38}$  are independently selected from hydrogen and  $C_1$ - $C_8$  alkyl;

$R^{39}$  is selected from hydrogen,  $C_1$ - $C_8$  alkyl, fluorinated  $C_1$ - $C_8$  alkyl, and carboxy; and

$R^{40}$  is  $C_1$ - $C_8$  alkyl or fluorinated  $C_1$ - $C_8$  alkyl.

39. The fluoroalkanol-substituted  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated ester of claim 30, wherein:

$R^{33}$  is selected from hydrogen,  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkoxy, and  $-(L^1)_{n1}-CR^8R^9-OH$  in which  $n1$  is zero or 1,  $L^1$  is  $C_1$ - $C_4$  aliphatic,  $R^8$  is selected from hydrogen, methyl,

trifluoromethyl, difluoromethyl, and fluoromethyl, and  $R^9$  is selected from methyl, trifluoromethyl, difluoromethyl, and fluoromethyl;

$R^{34}$ ,  $R^{35}$ , and  $R^{38}$  are independently selected from hydrogen and  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkyl;

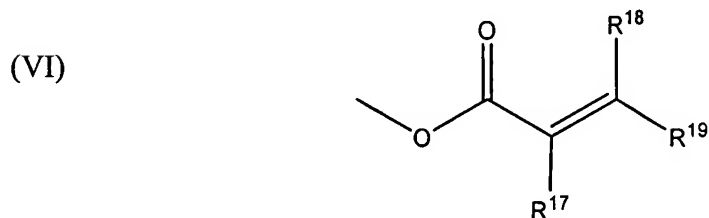
$R^{39}$  is selected from hydrogen,  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkyl, semi-fluorinated  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkyl, and perfluorinated  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkyl; and

$R^{40}$  is selected from  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkyl, semi-fluorinated  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkyl, and perfluorinated  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkyl.

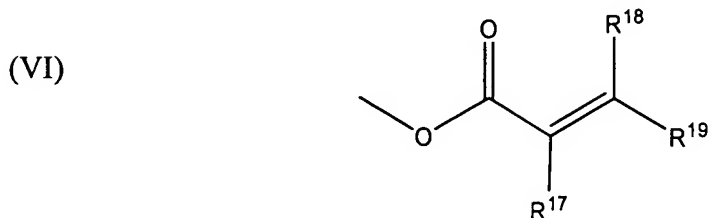
40. The fluoroalkanol-substituted  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated ester of claim 40, wherein  $R^{39}$  and  $R^{40}$  are both trifluoromethyl.

41. The fluoroalkanol-substituted  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated ester of claim 39, wherein one of  $R^{39}$  and  $R^{40}$  is methyl and the other is trifluoromethyl.

42. The fluoroalkanol-substituted  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated ester of claim 36, wherein  $R^{36}$  is hydrogen and  $R^{37}$  has the structure of formula (VI)

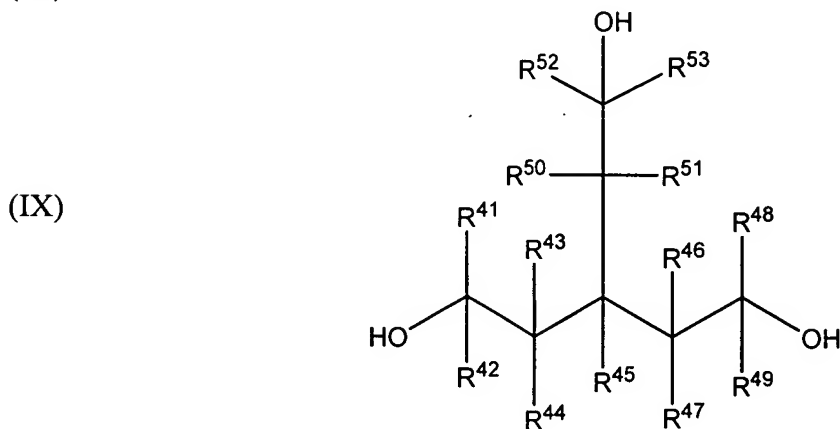


43. The fluoroalkanol-substituted  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated ester of claim 36, wherein  $R^{36}$  has the structure of formula (VI)



and  $R^{37}$  is hydrogen.

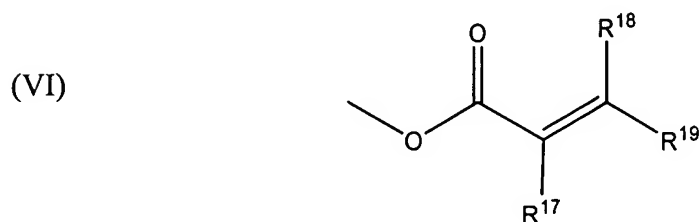
44. A fluoroalkanol-substituted  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated ester having the structure of formula (IX)



wherein:

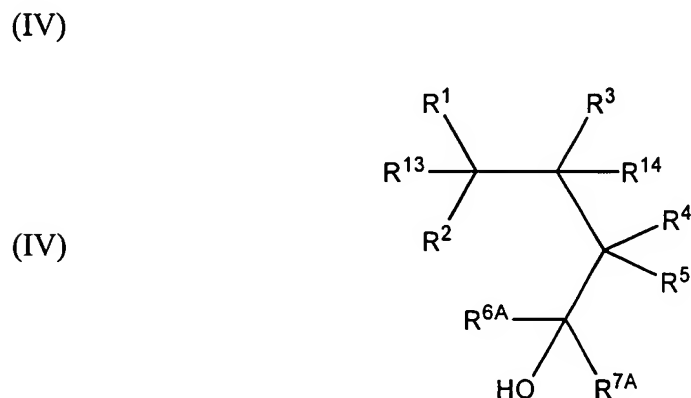
$R^{41}$ ,  $R^{42}$ ,  $R^{48}$ ,  $R^{49}$ ,  $R^{52}$ , and  $R^{53}$  are independently selected from hydrogen,  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkyl, substituted  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkyl, and  $-(CO)-R$  in which  $R$  is hydrogen, hydroxyl, halo,  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkyl, substituted  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkyl, amino,  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkylamino, or  $di(C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkyl)amino, with the provisos that (a) at least one of  $R^{41}$  and  $R^{42}$ , (b) at least one of  $R^{48}$  and  $R^{49}$ , and (c) at least one of  $R^{51}$  and  $R^{52}$  is fluorinated; and

$R^{43}$ ,  $R^{44}$ ,  $R^{46}$ ,  $R^{47}$ ,  $R^{50}$ , and  $R^{51}$  are independently selected from hydrogen,  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkyl, and substituted  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkyl, and further wherein any two of  $R^{43}$ ,  $R^{44}$ ,  $R^{46}$ ,  $R^{47}$ ,  $R^{50}$ , and  $R^{51}$  may be taken together to form an alicyclic group, with the proviso that one of  $R^{45}$  and  $R^{46}$  is hydrogen, and the other has the structure of formula (VI)



wherein  $R^{17}$  is selected from hydrogen, fluoro,  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkyl, fluorinated  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkyl,  $-CH_2-COOH$ ,  $-CF_2-COOH$ ,  $-CH_2-COOR^{20}$ , and  $-CF_2-COOR^{20}$ ,  $R^{18}$  is hydrogen or fluoro,  $R^{19}$  is hydrogen, fluoro, or  $-COOH$ , and  $R^{20}$  is a nonhydrogen substituent.

45. A method for synthesizing a fluorinated polyol having the structure of formula



wherein

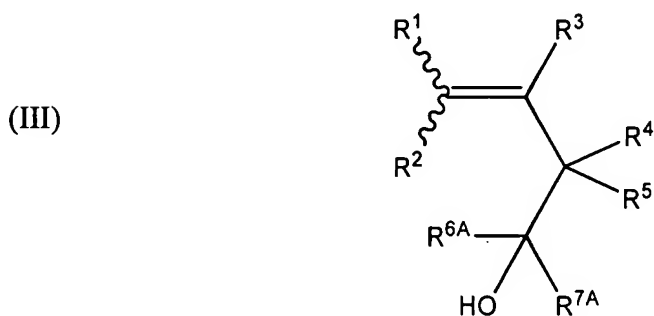
$R^1$  is selected from hydrogen,  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkyl, substituted  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkoxy, and substituted  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkoxy,

$R^2$ ,  $R^3$ ,  $R^4$ , and  $R^5$  are independently selected from hydrogen,  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkyl, and substituted  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkyl, and further wherein any two of  $R^1$ ,  $R^2$ ,  $R^3$ ,  $R^4$ , and  $R^5$  may be taken together to form an alicyclic group,

$R^{6A}$  is selected from hydrogen,  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkyl, substituted  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkyl, and  $-(CO)-R$  in which  $R$  is hydrogen, hydroxyl, halo,  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkyl, substituted  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkyl, amino,  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkylamino, or  $di(C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkyl)amino,

$R^{7A}$  is  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkyl or substituted  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkyl, and further wherein  $R^{6A}$  and  $R^{7A}$  may be taken together to form a ring, with the proviso that at least one of  $R^{6A}$  and  $R^{7A}$  is fluorinated, and

one of  $R^{13}$  and  $R^{14}$  is hydroxyl and the other is selected from hydrogen and hydroxyl, the method comprising admixing an alkene fluoroalkanol having the structure of formula (III)



with a substituted or unsubstituted borane to provide a reaction mixture, and thereafter adding aqueous base and hydrogen peroxide to the reaction mixture.

46. The method of claim 45, wherein the borane has the structure  $\text{BHR}^{54}\text{R}^{55}$  in which  $\text{R}^{54}$  and  $\text{R}^{55}$  are independently selected from hydrogen, halo,  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{24}$  alkyl, substituted  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{24}$  alkyl,  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{24}$  alkoxy, substituted  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{24}$  alkoxy, or wherein  $\text{R}^{54}$  and  $\text{R}^{55}$  may be taken together to form an alicyclic group.

47. The method of claim 46, wherein  $\text{R}^{54}$  and  $\text{R}^{55}$  are independently selected from hydrogen, chloro,  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{12}$  alkyl, substituted  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{12}$  alkyl,  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{12}$  alkoxy, and substituted  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{12}$  alkoxy.

48. The method of claim 47, wherein the hydrogen peroxide is added to the reaction mixture following addition of the aqueous base.

49. The method of claim 45, wherein:

$\text{R}^1$  is selected from hydrogen,  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_4$  alkyl,  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_4$  alkoxy, and  $-(\text{L}^1)_{n1}\text{-CR}^8\text{R}^9\text{-OH}$  in which  $n1$  is zero or 1,  $\text{L}^1$  is  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_4$  aliphatic,  $\text{R}^8$  is selected from hydrogen, methyl, trifluoromethyl, difluoromethyl, and fluoromethyl, and  $\text{R}^9$  is selected from methyl, trifluoromethyl, difluoromethyl, and fluoromethyl;

$\text{R}^2$  is hydrogen or  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_4$  alkyl;

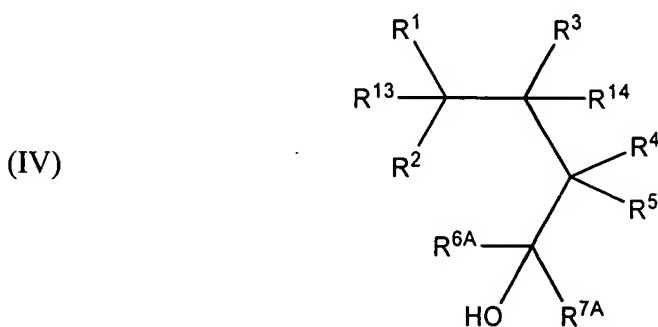
$\text{R}^3$ ,  $\text{R}^4$ , and  $\text{R}^5$  are independently selected from hydrogen,  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_4$  alkyl, and  $-(\text{L}^2)_{n2}\text{-CR}^{8A}\text{R}^{9A}\text{-OH}$  in which  $n2$  is zero or 1,  $\text{L}^2$  is  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_4$  aliphatic,  $\text{R}^{8A}$  is selected from hydrogen, methyl, trifluoromethyl, difluoromethyl, and fluoromethyl, and  $\text{R}^{9A}$  is selected from methyl,

trifluoromethyl, difluoromethyl, and fluoromethyl, and further wherein any two of  $R^1$ ,  $R^3$ ,  $R^4$ , and  $R^5$  may be taken together to form a  $C_5$ - $C_{12}$  alicyclic group;

$R^6$  is selected from hydrogen,  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkyl, semi-fluorinated  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkyl, and perfluorinated  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkyl; and

$R^7$  is selected from  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkyl, semi-fluorinated  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkyl, and perfluorinated  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkyl.

50. A method for synthesizing a fluoroalkanol-substituted  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated ester from a fluorinated polyol having the structure of formula (IV)



wherein

$R^1$  is selected from hydrogen,  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkyl, substituted  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkoxy, and substituted  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkoxy,

$R^2$ ,  $R^3$ ,  $R^4$ , and  $R^5$  are independently selected from hydrogen,  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkyl, and substituted  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkyl, and further wherein any two of  $R^1$ ,  $R^2$ ,  $R^3$ ,  $R^4$ , and  $R^5$  may be taken together to form an alicyclic group,

$R^{6A}$  is selected from hydrogen,  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkyl, substituted  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkyl, and  $-(CO)-R$  in which  $R$  is hydrogen, hydroxyl, halo,  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkyl, substituted  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkyl, amino,  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkylamino, or  $di(C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkyl)amino,

$R^{7A}$  is  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkyl or substituted  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkyl, and further wherein  $R^{6A}$  and  $R^{7A}$  may be taken together to form a ring, with the proviso that at least one of  $R^{6A}$  and  $R^{7A}$  is fluorinated, and

one of  $R^{13}$  and  $R^{14}$  is hydroxyl and the other is selected from hydrogen and hydroxyl, the method comprising:

contacting the fluorinated polyol with an acylation reagent selected from acyl chlorides of the formula  $Cl-(CO)-CR^{17}=CR^{18}R^{19}$  and anhydrides of the formula  $O[(CO)-CR^{17}=CR^{18}R^{19}]_2$  under reaction conditions effective to result in esterification of a hydroxyl group present at  $R^{13}$ ,  $R^{14}$ , or at both  $R^{13}$  and  $R^{14}$ , to provide an  $-O-(CO)-CR^{17}=CR^{18}R^{19}$  substituent, wherein  $R^{17}$  is selected from hydrogen, fluoro,  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkyl, fluorinated  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkyl,  $-CH_2-COOH$ ,  $-CF_2-COOH$ ,  $-CH_2-COOR^{20}$ , and  $-CF_2-COOR^{20}$ ,  $R^{18}$  is hydrogen or fluoro,  $R^{19}$  is hydrogen, fluoro, or  $-COOH$ , and  $R^{20}$  is a nonhydrogen substituent.

51. The method of claim 50, wherein prior to admixture of the fluorinated polyol with the acylation reagent, the fluorinated polyol is treated with a deprotonating base.

52. The method of claim 51, wherein:

$R^1$  is selected from hydrogen,  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkoxy, and  $-(L^1)_{n1}-CR^8R^9-OH$  in which  $n1$  is zero or 1,  $L^1$  is  $C_1$ - $C_4$  aliphatic,  $R^8$  is selected from hydrogen, methyl,



trifluoromethyl, difluoromethyl, and fluoromethyl, and  $R^9$  is selected from methyl, trifluoromethyl, difluoromethyl, and fluoromethyl;

$R^2$  is hydrogen or  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkyl;

$R^3$ ,  $R^4$ , and  $R^5$  are independently selected from hydrogen,  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkyl, and  $-(L^2)_{n2}-CR^{8A}R^{9A}-OH$  in which  $n2$  is zero or 1,  $L^2$  is  $C_1$ - $C_4$  aliphatic,  $R^{8A}$  is selected from hydrogen, methyl, trifluoromethyl, difluoromethyl, and fluoromethyl, and  $R^{9A}$  is selected from methyl, trifluoromethyl, difluoromethyl, and fluoromethyl, and further wherein any two of  $R^1$ ,  $R^3$ ,  $R^4$ , and  $R^5$  may be taken together to form a  $C_5$ - $C_{12}$  alicyclic group;

$R^{6A}$  is selected from hydrogen,  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkyl, semi-fluorinated  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkyl, and perfluorinated  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkyl; and

$R^{7A}$  is selected from  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkyl, semi-fluorinated  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkyl, and perfluorinated  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkyl.

53. The method of claim 51, wherein the acylation reagent is an acyl chloride of the formula  $Cl-(CO)-CR^{17}=CR^{18}R^{19}$ .

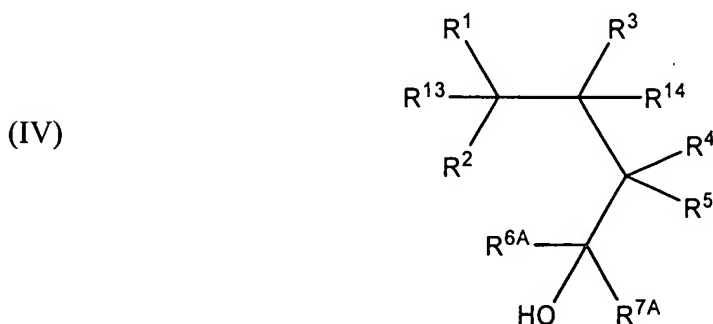
54. The method of claim 53, wherein  $R^{17}$  is selected from hydrogen, fluoro, methyl, trifluoromethyl,  $-CH_2-COOH$ , and  $-CH_2-COOR^{20}$ ,  $R^{18}$  and  $R^{19}$  are independently selected from hydrogen and fluoro, and  $R^{20}$  is selected from  $C_1$ - $C_{12}$  alkyl and substituted  $C_1$ - $C_{12}$  alkyl.

55. The method of claim 51, wherein the acylation reagent is an anhydride of the formula  $O[(CO)-CR^{17}=CR^{18}R^{19}]_2$ .

56. The method of claim 55, wherein  $R^{17}$  is selected from hydrogen, fluoro, methyl, trifluoromethyl,  $-\text{CH}_2\text{-COOH}$ , and  $-\text{CH}_2\text{-COOR}^{20}$ ,  $R^{18}$  and  $R^{19}$  are independently selected from hydrogen and fluoro, and  $R^{20}$  is selected from  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{12}$  alkyl and substituted  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{12}$  alkyl.

57. A method for synthesizing a fluoroalkanol-substituted  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated ester, comprising:

(a) synthesizing a fluorinated polyol having the structure of formula (IV)



wherein

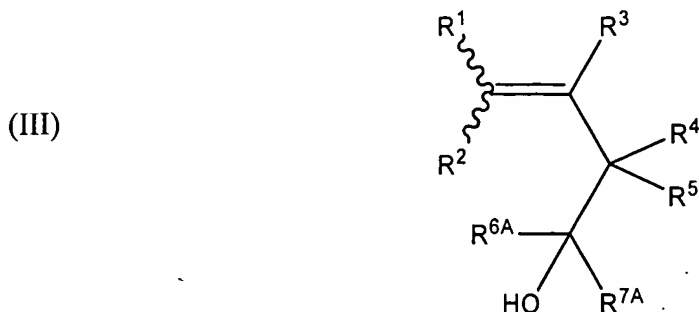
$R^1$  is selected from hydrogen,  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{24}$  alkyl, substituted  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{24}$  alkyl,  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{24}$  alkoxy, and substituted  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{24}$  alkoxy,

$R^2$ ,  $R^3$ ,  $R^4$ , and  $R^5$  are independently selected from hydrogen,  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{24}$  alkyl, and substituted  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{24}$  alkyl, and further wherein any two of  $R^1$ ,  $R^2$ ,  $R^3$ ,  $R^4$ , and  $R^5$  may be taken together to form a ring,

$R^{6A}$  is selected from hydrogen,  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{24}$  alkyl, substituted  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{24}$  alkyl, and  $-(\text{CO})\text{-R}$  in which R is hydrogen, hydroxyl, halo,  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{24}$  alkyl, substituted  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{24}$  alkyl, amino,  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{24}$  alkylamino, or  $\text{di}(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{24} \text{ alkyl})\text{amino}$ ,

$R^{7A}$  is  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkyl or substituted  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkyl, with the proviso that at least one of  $R^{6A}$  and  $R^{7A}$  is fluorinated, and

one of  $R^{13}$  and  $R^{14}$  is hydroxyl and the other is selected from hydrogen and hydroxyl, by admixing an alkene fluoroalkanol having the structure of formula (III)



with a substituted or unsubstituted borane to provide a reaction mixture, and thereafter adding aqueous base and hydrogen peroxide, to the reaction mixture; and

(b) contacting the fluoroalkanol with an acylation reagent selected from acyl chlorides of the formula  $Cl-(CO)-CR^{17}=CR^{18}R^{19}$  and anhydrides of the formula  $O[(CO)-CR^{17}=CR^{18}R^{19}]_2$  under reaction conditions effective to result in esterification of a hydroxyl group present at  $R^{13}$ ,  $R^{14}$ , or at both  $R^{13}$  and  $R^{14}$ , to provide a  $-O-(CO)-CR^{17}=CR^{18}R^{19}$  substituent, wherein  $R^{17}$  is selected from hydrogen, fluoro,  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkyl, fluorinated  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkyl,  $-CH_2-COOH$ ,  $-CF_2-COOH$ ,  $-CH_2-COOR^{20}$ , and  $-CF_2-COOR^{20}$ ,  $R^{18}$  is hydrogen or fluoro,  $R^{19}$  is hydrogen, fluoro, or  $-COOH$ , and  $R^{20}$  is a nonhydrogen substituent.

58. The method of claim 57, further comprising isolating the fluoroalkanol prior to (b).

59. The method of claim 57, wherein the borane has the structure  $\text{BHR}^{54}\text{R}^{55}$  in which  $\text{R}^{54}$  and  $\text{R}^{55}$  are independently selected from hydrogen, halo,  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{24}$  alkyl, substituted  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{24}$  alkyl,  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{24}$  alkoxy, substituted  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{24}$  alkoxy, or wherein  $\text{R}^{54}$  and  $\text{R}^{55}$  may be taken together to form an alicyclic group.

60. The method of claim 59, wherein  $\text{R}^{54}$  and  $\text{R}^{55}$  are independently selected from hydrogen, chloro,  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{12}$  alkyl, substituted  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{12}$  alkyl,  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{12}$  alkoxy, and substituted  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{12}$  alkoxy.

61. The method of claim 60, wherein the hydrogen peroxide is added to the reaction mixture following addition of the aqueous base.

62. The method of claim 57, wherein:

$\text{R}^1$  is selected from hydrogen,  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_4$  alkyl,  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_4$  alkoxy, and  $-(\text{L}^1)_{n1}\text{-CR}^8\text{R}^9\text{-OH}$  in which  $n1$  is zero or 1,  $\text{L}^1$  is  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_4$  aliphatic,  $\text{R}^8$  is selected from hydrogen, methyl, trifluoromethyl, difluoromethyl, and fluoromethyl, and  $\text{R}^9$  is selected from methyl, trifluoromethyl, difluoromethyl, and fluoromethyl;

$\text{R}^2$  is hydrogen or  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_4$  alkyl;

$\text{R}^3$ ,  $\text{R}^4$ , and  $\text{R}^5$  are independently selected from hydrogen,  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_4$  alkyl, and  $-(\text{L}^2)_{n2}\text{-CR}^{8A}\text{R}^{9A}\text{-OH}$  in which  $n2$  is zero or 1,  $\text{L}^2$  is  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_4$  aliphatic,  $\text{R}^{8A}$  is selected from hydrogen, methyl, trifluoromethyl, difluoromethyl, and fluoromethyl, and  $\text{R}^{9A}$  is selected from methyl,

trifluoromethyl, difluoromethyl, and fluoromethyl, and further wherein any two of  $R^1$ ,  $R^3$ ,  $R^4$ , and  $R^5$  may be taken together to form a  $C_5$ - $C_{12}$  alicyclic group;

$R^{6A}$  is selected from hydrogen,  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkyl, semi-fluorinated  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkyl, and perfluorinated  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkyl; and

$R^{7A}$  is selected from  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkyl, semi-fluorinated  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkyl, and perfluorinated  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkyl.

63. The method of claim 58, wherein following isolation of the fluoroalkanol and prior to admixture of the fluoroalkanol with the acylation reagent, the isolated fluoroalkanol is treated with a deprotonating base.

64. The method of claim 63, wherein:

$R^1$  is selected from hydrogen,  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkoxy, and  $-(L^1)_{n1}-CR^8R^9-OH$  in which  $n1$  is zero or 1,  $L^1$  is  $C_1$ - $C_4$  aliphatic,  $R^8$  is selected from hydrogen, methyl, trifluoromethyl, difluoromethyl, and fluoromethyl, and  $R^9$  is selected from methyl, trifluoromethyl, difluoromethyl, and fluoromethyl;

$R^2$  is hydrogen or  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkyl;

$R^3$ ,  $R^4$ , and  $R^5$  are independently selected from hydrogen,  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkyl, and  $-(L^2)_{n2}-CR^{8A}R^{9A}-OH$  in which  $n2$  is zero or 1,  $L^2$  is  $C_1$ - $C_4$  aliphatic,  $R^{8A}$  is selected from hydrogen, methyl, trifluoromethyl, difluoromethyl, and fluoromethyl, and  $R^{9A}$  is selected from methyl, trifluoromethyl, difluoromethyl, and fluoromethyl, and further wherein any two of  $R^1$ ,  $R^3$ ,  $R^4$ , and  $R^5$  may be taken together to form a  $C_5$ - $C_{12}$  alicyclic group;

$R^{6A}$  is selected from hydrogen,  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkyl, semi-fluorinated  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkyl, and perfluorinated  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkyl; and

$R^{7A}$  is selected from  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkyl, semi-fluorinated  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkyl, and perfluorinated  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkyl.

65. The method of claim 57, wherein the acylation reagent is acyl chloride of the formula  $Cl-(CO)-CR^{17}=CR^{18}R^{19}$ .

66. The method of claim 65, wherein  $R^{17}$  is selected from hydrogen, fluoro, methyl, trifluoromethyl,  $-CH_2-COOH$ , and  $-CH_2-COOR^{20}$ ,  $R^{18}$  and  $R^{19}$  are independently selected from hydrogen and fluoro, and  $R^{20}$  is selected from  $C_1$ - $C_{12}$  alkyl and substituted  $C_1$ - $C_{12}$  alkyl.

67. The method of claim 57, wherein the acylation reagent is an anhydride of the formula  $O[(CO)-CR^{17}=CR^{18}R^{19}]_2$ .

68. The method of claim 67, wherein  $R^{17}$  is selected from hydrogen, fluoro, methyl, trifluoromethyl,  $-CH_2-COOH$ , and  $-CH_2-COOR^{20}$ ,  $R^{18}$  and  $R^{19}$  are independently selected from hydrogen and fluoro, and  $R^{20}$  is selected from  $C_1$ - $C_{12}$  alkyl and substituted  $C_1$ - $C_{12}$  alkyl.

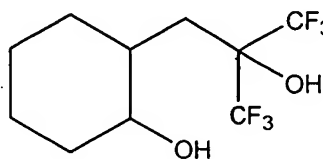
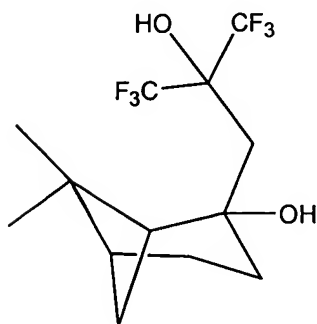
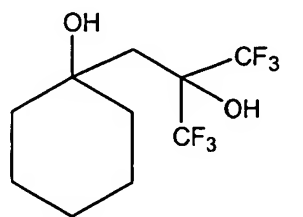
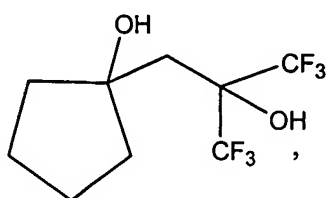
69. A method for synthesizing a fluoroalkanol-substituted  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated ester, the method comprising:

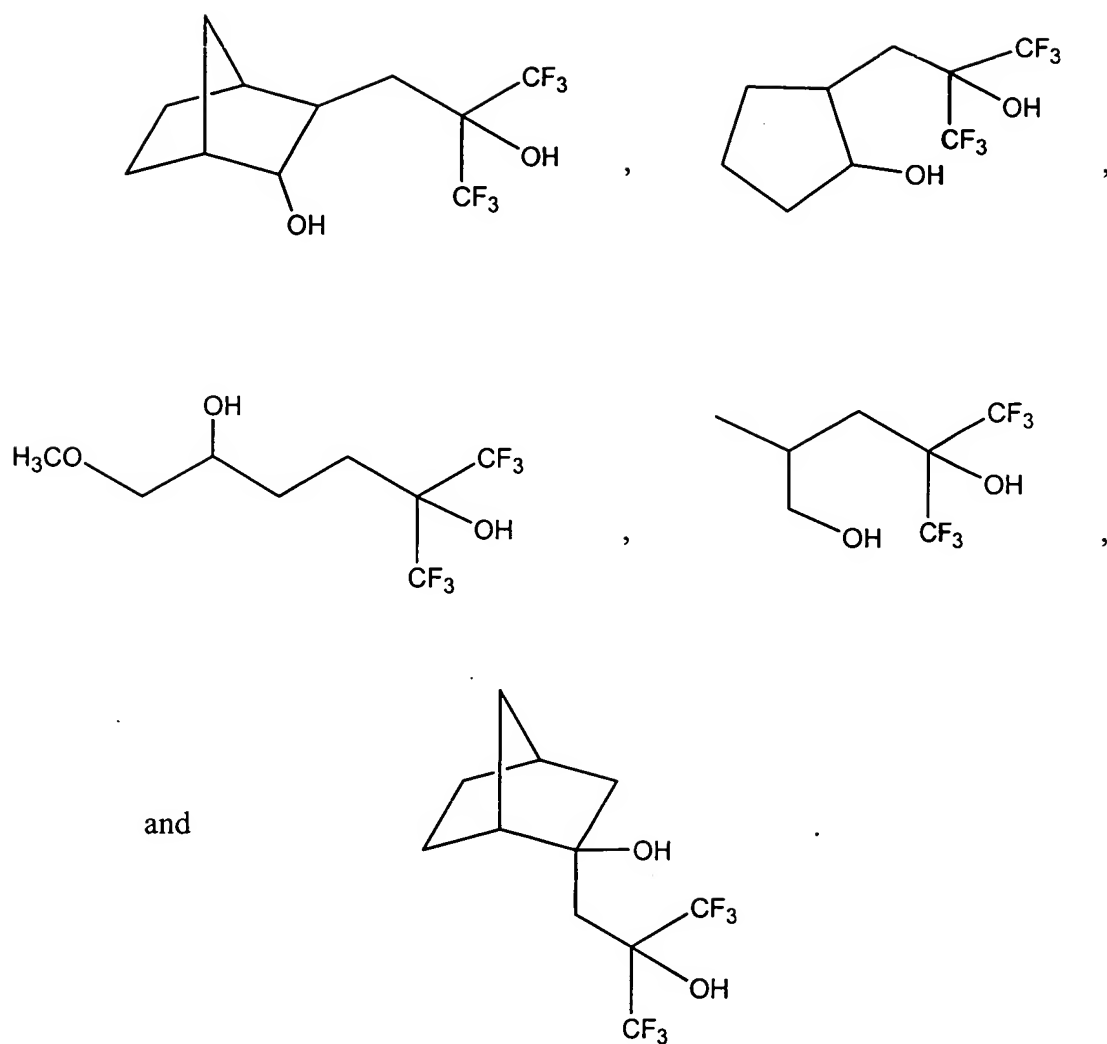
(a) contacting (i) an olefinic reactant directly substituted on an olefinic carbon atom with a substituted or unsubstituted methyl group with (ii) a fluorinated carbonyl compound under reaction conditions and for a time period effective to allow addition of the olefinic reactant to the carbonyl carbon of the fluorinated carbonyl compound, thereby providing an alkene fluoroalkanol;

(b) hydroxylating the alkene functionality in the alkene fluoroalkanol by subjecting the alkene fluoroalkanol to a hydroboration reaction, thereby providing a saturated fluoroalkanol containing at least one additional hydroxyl group;

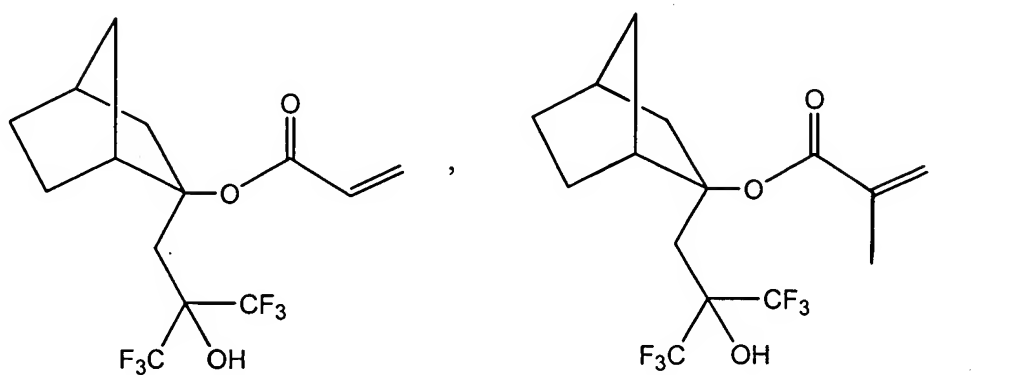
(c) acylating the additional hydroxyl group by contacting the saturated fluoroalkanol with an acylation reagent selected from acyl chlorides and anhydrides under esterification conditions.

70. A fluorinated polyol selected from the group consisting of:

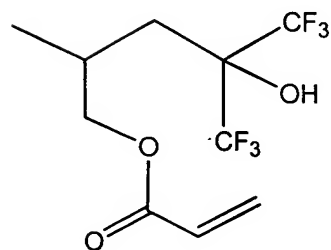
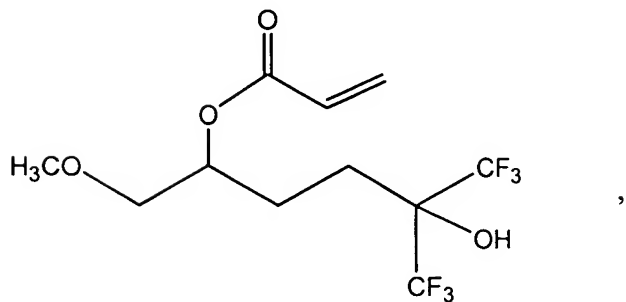
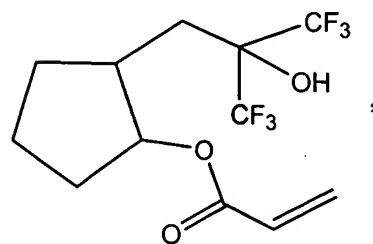
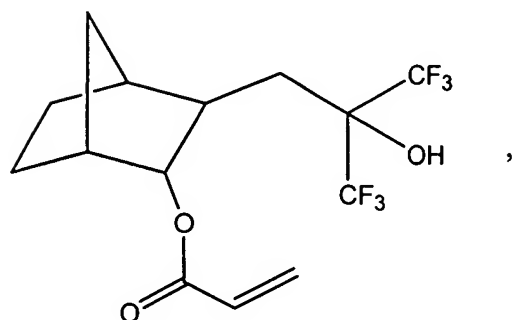
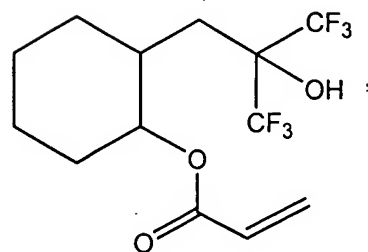
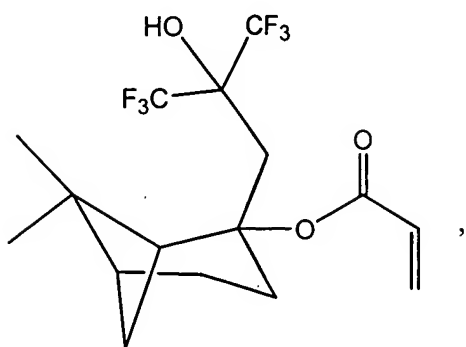
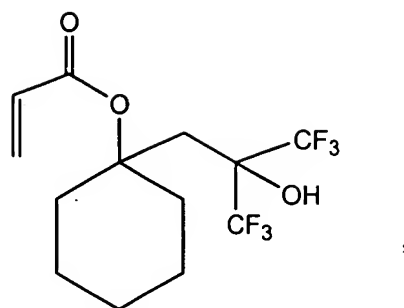
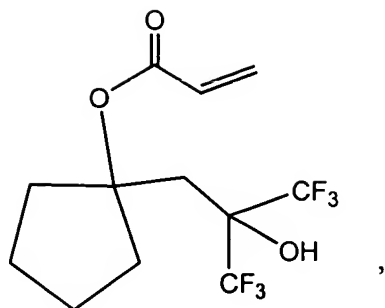


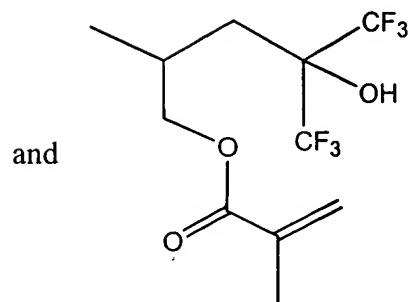
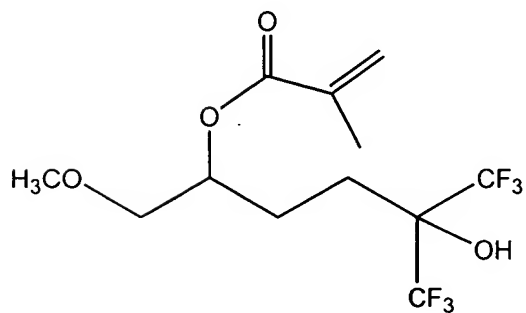
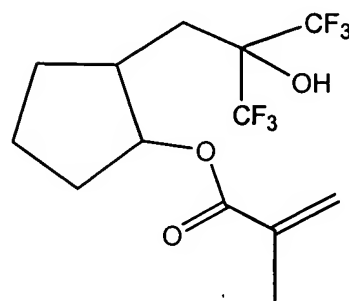
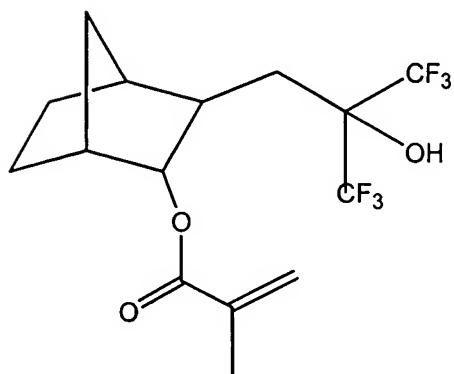
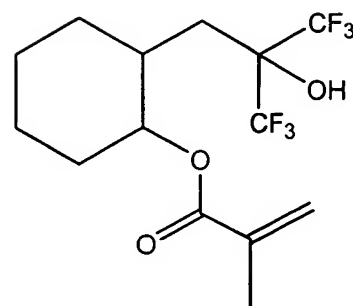
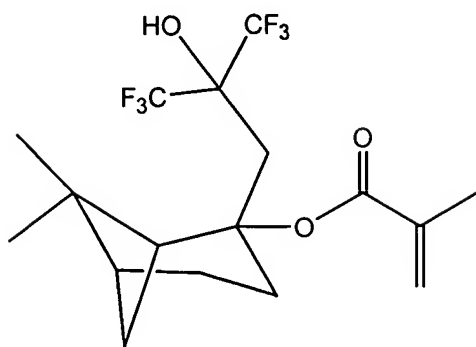
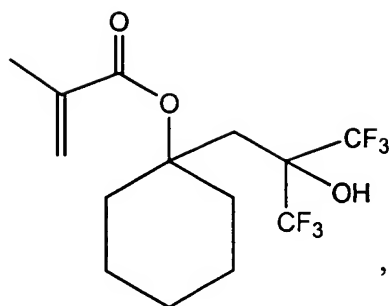
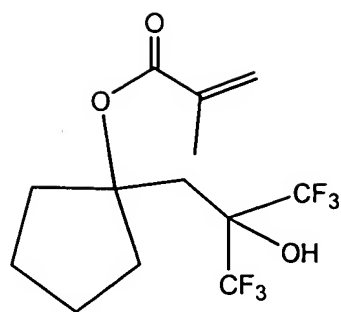


71. A fluoroalkanol-substituted  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated esters selected from the group consisting of





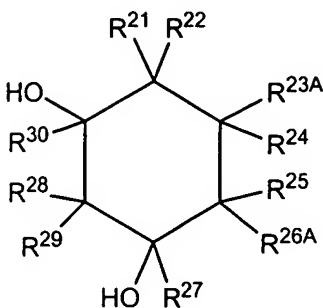




and

72. A fluorinated polyol having the structure of formula (VIIA)

(VIIA)



wherein:

$R^{21}$  is selected from hydrogen,  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkyl, substituted  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkoxy, and substituted  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkoxy;

$R^{22}$  is selected from hydrogen,  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkyl, and substituted  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkyl, or may be taken together with  $R^{21}$  to form a ring;

one of  $R^{23}$  and  $R^{26}$  is hydrogen, and the other is hydroxyl;

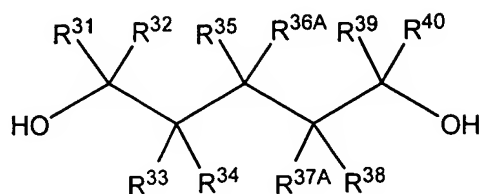
$R^{24}$  and  $R^{25}$  are selected from hydrogen,  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkyl and substituted  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkyl, or may be taken together to form a ring;

$R^{27}$  is selected from hydrogen,  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkyl, substituted  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkyl, and  $-(CO)-R$  in which  $R$  is hydrogen, hydroxyl, halo,  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkyl, substituted  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkyl, amino,  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkylamino, or  $di(C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkyl)amino, and  $R^{30}$  is  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkyl or substituted  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkyl, with the proviso that at least one of  $R^{27}$  and  $R^{30}$  is fluorinated; and

$R^{28}$  and  $R^{29}$  are independently selected from hydrogen, fluoro,  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkyl, and substituted  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkyl, or may be taken together to form a ring.

73. A fluorinated polyol having the structure of formula (VIII A)

(VIII A)



wherein:

$R^{31}$  and  $R^{32}$  are independently selected from hydrogen,  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkyl, substituted  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkyl, and  $-(CO)-R$  in which  $R$  is hydrogen, hydroxyl, halo,  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkyl, substituted  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkyl, amino,  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkylamino, or  $di(C_1-C_{24} \text{ alkyl})$ amino, with the proviso that at least one of  $R^{31}$  and  $R^{32}$  is fluorinated, and further wherein  $R^{31}$  and  $R^{32}$  may be taken together to form a fluorinated alicyclic group;

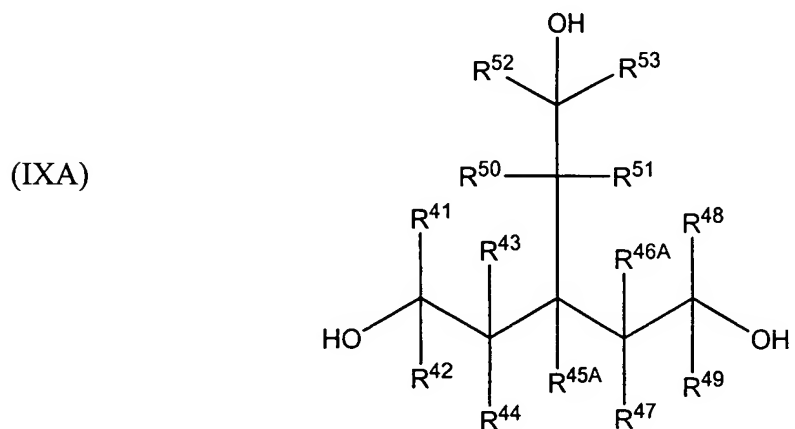
$R^{39}$  and  $R^{40}$  are independently selected from hydrogen,  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkyl, substituted  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkyl, and  $-(CO)-R$  in which  $R$  is hydrogen, hydroxyl, halo,  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkyl, substituted  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkyl, amino,  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkylamino, or  $di(C_1-C_{24} \text{ alkyl})$ amino, with the proviso that at least one of  $R^{39}$  and  $R^{40}$  is fluorinated and further wherein  $R^{39}$  and  $R^{40}$  may be taken together to form an alicyclic group;

$R^{33}$ ,  $R^{34}$ ,  $R^{35}$ ,  $R^{36}$ ,  $R^{37}$ , and  $R^{38}$  are selected from hydrogen,  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkyl, and substituted  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkyl, and further wherein any two of  $R^{33}$ ,  $R^{34}$ ,  $R^{35}$ ,  $R^{36}$ ,  $R^{37}$ , and  $R^{38}$  may be taken together to form a ring, with the proviso that one of  $R^{36}$  and  $R^{37}$  is hydrogen, and the other is hydroxyl;

$R^{38}$  is selected from hydrogen,  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkyl and substituted  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkyl, or may be taken together with  $R^{35}$  to form an alicyclic group; and

$R^{39}$  is selected from hydrogen,  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkyl, substituted  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkyl, and  $-(CO)-R$  in which  $R$  is hydrogen, hydroxyl, halo,  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkyl, substituted  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkyl, amino,  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkylamino, or di( $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkyl)amino, and  $R^{40}$  is  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkyl or substituted  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkyl, with the proviso that at least one of  $R^{39}$  and  $R^{40}$  is fluorinated.

74. A fluorinated polyol having the structure of formula (IXA)



wherein:

$R^{41}$ ,  $R^{42}$ ,  $R^{48}$ ,  $R^{49}$ ,  $R^{52}$ , and  $R^{53}$  are independently selected from hydrogen,  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkyl, substituted  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkyl, and  $-(CO)-R$  in which  $R$  is hydrogen, hydroxyl, halo,  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkyl, substituted  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkyl, amino,  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkylamino, or di( $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkyl)amino, with the provisos that (a) at least one of  $R^{41}$  and  $R^{42}$ , (b) at least one of  $R^{48}$  and  $R^{49}$ , and (c) at least one of  $R^{51}$  and  $R^{52}$  is fluorinated; and

$R^{43}$ ,  $R^{44}$ ,  $R^{46A}$ ,  $R^{47}$ ,  $R^{50}$ , and  $R^{51}$  are independently selected from hydrogen,  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkyl, and substituted  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  alkyl, and further wherein any two of  $R^{43}$ ,  $R^{44}$ ,  $R^{46A}$ ,  $R^{47}$ ,  $R^{50}$ ,

and  $R^{51}$  may be taken together to form an alicyclic group, with the proviso that one of  $R^{45A}$  and  $R^{46A}$  is hydrogen, and the other is hydroxyl.